

## UTAH COMMUNITY FOREST COUNCIL HONORS UTAHNS

### Six Awards Presented During Annual Meeting

The Utah Community Forest Council has recognized six Utahns for their contributions to urban forestry. The awards were presented Friday, November 4, 2005, during the groups annual meeting held this year at the Historic Utah County Courthouse in Provo.

2005 Utah Citizen Forester of the Year is Orpha Dee Johnson from Mapleton. Johnson was the driving force behind creation of a Shade Tree Commission in that town when many other communities were struggling to balance budgets. Through her efforts the town eventually earned a TreeCity USA designation in 1983. Johnson continues to serve on Mapleton's Shade Tree Commission.



**Orpha Dee Johnson, Citizen Forester, Mapleton, Utah.**



**Bill Rutherford, City Forester Salt Lake City, Utah.**

A Lifetime Service Award was presented to Bill Rutherford, city forester for Salt Lake City. Rutherford had championed the benefits of trees in our community throughout the state. Besides developing Salt Lake's quality forestry program, he initiated a Tree Ambassador Volunteer Program and conducted Arbor Day Celebrations in numerous communities.

The City of Lindon was recognized as the Community of the Year. Lindon City adopted a local tree ordinance, approved a budget for tree care, initiated an annual Arbor Day observance, and the city council and administration endorsed pursuit of a TreeCity USA designation.



**Jeff Acerson, Mayor, Lindon City, Utah.**

2005 Arborist of the Year is Mark Malmstrom. Malmstrom owns and operates a commercial tree care company based in Cache valley. He is dedicated to sound tree care practices and fosters his interest and love of trees with his clients, as well as those who work for him. Malmstrom is also Utah's 2006 State Tree Climbing Champion.



**Mark Malmstrom, Arborist, Cache Valley, Utah.**

A Distinguished Service Award was presented to Brian Getzelman. Getzelman was instrumental in the creation of the Utah Community Forest Council in 1990. Today, the organization serves hundreds of foresters, arborists, and citizens across the state.

And the President's Award was presented to Maggie Shao. Maggie was formerly employed as Urban Forestry Coordinator for the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. In that capacity she worked closely with the Utah Community Forest Council on programs designed to help people increase their understanding of trees in our communities.

The Utah Community Forest Council/International Society of Arboriculture – Utah Chapter is a non-profit organization that serves to increase public awareness of the benefits of tree care, advocate for the professional care and management of community trees, provide services to communities throughout Utah, and improve knowledge of arboriculture in Utah's tree care industry.



**Maggie Shao,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.**